

Please amend Claims 43, 71-72, 86, 92 and 95 as follows:

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1 43. (Once Amended) The makeup container of claim 39, wherein the housing  
2 comprises an outer body coupled about the cover piece and the base piece, wherein  
3 the outer body includes a cavity, the cavity allowing expansion of the cover piece or  
4 the base piece.

E2  
1 71. (Once Amended) A makeup case for holding a cosmetic substance, the  
2 case including a cover and a base, the cover being movable to an open position and to  
3 a closed position, an improvement comprising:  
4 a hermetic seal when the cover is in the closed position whereby the seal  
5 maintains the cover in the closed position;  
6 an outer body configured for retaining the cover and the base within the  
7 body.

1 72. (Once Amended) The makeup case of claim 71, wherein the seal  
2 comprises a groove associated with the cover and a peripheral rim associated with the  
3 base, the rim being received in the groove when the cover is in the closed position.

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1 86. (Once Amended) The compact of claim 85, wherein at least one of the  
2 sealing surfaces comprises a wall.

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1        92.    (Once Amended) A container for storing cosmetics comprising:  
2                base means for providing a base;  
3                cover means for providing a cover selectively positionable between a first  
4 position and a second position relative to the base means;  
5                seal means for forming a hermetic seal between the cover means and the  
6 base means wherein the seal means comprises:  
7                        a curved rim extending from one of the cover means or the base  
8 means and a groove configured for receiving the rim disposed between a first  
9 wall and a second wall extending from one of the cover means or the base  
10 means;  
11                        a housing configured for retaining the base means and the cover  
12 means;  
13                wherein the hermetic seal is formed when the cover means is in the first  
14 position.

E5

95.    (Once Amended) The container of claim 92, wherein the seal means  
comprises an insert.